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DENALI TRAINING FUND QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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AND MANAGED,
IN PARTNERSHIP, BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ALASKA FORUM, INC. 8-210

NAME OF PROJECT: DENALI TRAINING FUND

REPORTING PERIOD: 4/06/08 – 06/30/08

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EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$33,726.00

**CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS
CURRENT, CORRECT AND TRUE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.**

SIGNED BY:  **DATED: JUNE 15, 2008**

1. IN A FEW SENTENCES, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SCOPE OF YOUR PROJECT:

**PROVIDE CRITICAL SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, AND
ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR RURAL ALASKA VILLAGES THROUGH THE
RURAL ALASKA LANDFILL OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM, AND THE SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING. THESE COURSES PROVIDE CRITICAL
SKILLS TO SUSTAIN WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS AND DEVELOP PLANS
AS REQUIRED FOR GRANT SUPPORT FOR THE DENALI COMMISSION.**

2. PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

**DESCRIBE THE GRANT ACTIVITIES THAT HAPPENED DURING THIS REPORT PERIOD.
INCLUDE PLANNING, ADVERTISEMENT AND/OR TRAINING PERFORMANCE THAT OCCURRED
THIS QUARTER? LIST ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED. (ATTACH ADVERTISEMENTS IF
APPLICABLE)**

**PROVIDED 3 TRAINING EVENTS (TWO IN BETHEL AND 1 IN ANCHORAGE) WITH 79
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE TRAINING AND ACHIEVING COURSE CERTIFICATION (SEE
ATTACHED SPREADSHEET AND DTF FORMS FOR DETAILED INFORMATION)**

WE WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE 3 OF THE 4 TRAININGS WHILE UTILIZING ONLY 33K OF THE BUDGET AVAILABLE (75% OF THE DELIVERABLES UTILIZING ONLY 33% AVAILABLE BUDGET!).

3. SCHEDULED PROJECT ACTIVITIES/IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT QUARTER: DESCRIBE YOUR PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS. PLEASE INCLUDE IMPORTANT DATES LIKE GRADUATION, SITE VISITS, TRAVEL, JOB FAIRS, ETC.

BY LEVERAGING FUNDING SOURCES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE 3 OF THE PROPOSED 4 TRAINING COURSES WHILE ONLY UTILIZING \$33,726 OF THE \$100,000 BUDGET. THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$66,274 WILL BE ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS (TENTATIVE):

- DILLINGHAM (SEPTEMBER 2008)**
- ANCHORAGE (AUGUST 2008)**
- OTHER (TO BE DETERMINED).**

THIS DENALI TRAINING FUND HAS ALLOWED US TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT HAVE RESULTED IN THE COMPLETION OF TRAINING AT SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN BUDGETED COSTS WITH THE SUPPORT OF IN-KIND AND MATCHING FUNDS PROVIDED BY OUR PARTNERS.

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5. PLEASE LIST COMPLETE THE LIST BY PUTTING THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IS FROM, THE TYPE OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, THE GRADUATION DATE AND WHO WILL EMPLOY THEM UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING.

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PLEASE COPY AND USE ANOTHER SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE SPACES.

6. PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY PROBLEMS OR CHANGES IN YOUR TRAINING PROJECT THAT WILL AFFECT THE BUDGET, SCOPE OR TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT. IS YOUR TRAINING ON SCHEDULE? WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR ANY DIFFICULTIES OR DELAYS? ARE YOU OVER BUDGET/UNDER BUDGET? HAVE YOU HAD TO CHANGE THE INITIAL SCOPE?

PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION TO THIS CHANGE AND YOUR RESOLUTION TO THE VARIANCE.

OUR TRAINING HAS OCCURRED ON SCHEDULE HOWEVER ONE CLASS WAS CANCELLED DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS. HOWEVER WE HAVE ACHIEVED 3 OF 4 SCHEDULED TRAININGS WITHIN THIS REPORTING PERIOD (75% OF THE DELIVERABLES) WHILE EXPENDING ONLY 33% OF THE FUNDING RESOURCE.

THE PROJECT SCOPE IS CONSISTENT HOWEVER WE ARE CONSIDERING SOME COURSE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE THE MOST MEANINGFUL TRAINING POSSIBLE GIVEN THE VARIATION OF SOLID WASTE CONCERNS ACROSS THE STATE.

7. HOW ARE YOU OR WILL YOU BE EVALUATING THE INDIVIDUALS BEING TRAINED TO ENSURE COMPETENCY, SKILL LEVEL AND UNDERSTANDING? (TESTING, ASSESSMENT, ETC)

THERE IS NO COURSE TESTING OR EVALUATION TO ENSURE COMPETENCY, HOWEVER, CLASSROOM TRAINING IS HIGHLY INTERACTIVE AND TRAINERS ARE ABLE TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS AND SPECIFIC SCENARIOS FOR EACH VILLAGE. REIMBURSEMENTS FOR TRAVEL COSTS ARE ONLY PROVIDED TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO FULLY ATTEND AND COMPLETE THE TRAINING. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE THAT STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SOLID WASTE TRAINING EVENTS ARE DEDICATED AND WORKING HARD TO AFFECT POSITIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

8. PLEASE IDENTIFY AREAS THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN THE FUTURE.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT FROM ADOL STAFF HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. WE ARE STILL WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPORTING PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS BUT HAVE HAD VERY EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM ADOL STAFF IN DOING SO.